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In re Application of

JAMES F. McGEHEE et al.

Serial No. 10/011,334

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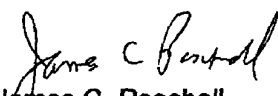
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In addition to the disclosure stated above, Applicants also wish to point out copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/011,353 also filed on December 3, 2001. This copending application is entitled "Process for the Purification of Inert Gases". The owner of this copending application is the same as the subject application.

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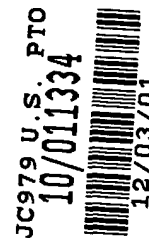
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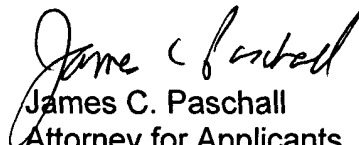
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Initialing of each document after its consideration by the Examiner is now respectfully requested in this matter.

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